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## **Madera County FSA Updates**

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## **Acreage Reporting Requirements**

Form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted.

Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

For those producers with NAP coverage, for requirements to be met you must report your crops by the crop reporting date and you must submit your NAP production by the following years crop reporting date.

The deadline to report fall seeded and other crops is March 15. For the crop year 2013 ONLY, the crop reporting deadline of March 15 has been extended.

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CROP	NEW DEADLINE
Honey	January 2
Fall Seeded Wheat, Barley & Oats	March 15
Spring Seeded Barley & Oats	July 15
Avocados, Blueberries, Grapefruit, Lemons, Mandarin, Tangelos, Oranges, Strawberries, Sugar Beets	January 15
Alfalfa Seed, Almonds, Apples, Barley, Cherries, Figs, Fresh Apricots, Fresh Freestone Peaches, Fresh Nectarines, Pears, Plums, Walnuts	March 15
Grapes, Table Grapes and Forage Seeding	May 15
Forage Seeding	June 15
Spring Alfalfa seed, Barley, Corn, Cotton, Rice, Dry Beans, Fresh Market Tomatoes, Grain Sorghum, Mint, Onions, Safflower, Tomatoes and all other crops	July 15
Raisins	July 31
Strawberries	September 15
Perennial Forage	December 15

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## Organic and Transitioning Farmers Invited to Seek Conservation Assistance from NRCS

Deadline for 2013 is April 19

California agricultural producers who are certified organic or transitioning to organic production are invited to apply for technical and financial assistance through a national organic initiative administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Applications for this ranking period are due at NRCS offices by April 19, for funding consideration this fiscal year. Special organic funding is available to eligible producers in California as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Applicants must either have an organic system plan or certify they are working toward one. For more information on EQIP Organic Program Initiative and other Farm Bill programs please visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs). Organic producers also may apply for assistance under general EQIP. Interested producers are encouraged to contact their local NRCS Service Center. For assistance in Madera County, please call (559) 674-2108 Ext. 3

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